

***IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE***

Applicant: North et al. FILED VIA EFS

Title: AN AUTOMATED AGENT-  
BASED METHOD FOR  
IDENTIFYING  
INFRASTRUCTURE  
INTERDEPENDENCIES

Appl. No.: 10/825,572

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Examiner: David Silver

Art Unit: 2128

Confirmation Number: 8672

**STATEMENT OF SUBSTANCE OF INTERVIEW AND REQUEST FOR  
WITHDRAWAL OF FINAL OFFICE ACTION**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In accordance to 37 C.F.R. § 1.133, submitted herewith is a record of the substance of the interview on November 29, 2007, with Examiner Silver, regarding the above-captioned application. This statement is being submitted prior to receipt of the of the Interview Summary and is therefore a timely response.

Applicants wish to thank Examiner Silver for the courtesy of the After-Final interview held on November 29, 2007 telephonically between Examiner Silver, his supervisor, and

representative for the Applicants. The content and sufficiency of the Second (and Final) Office Action of September 17, 2007 was discussed, as well as an amendment to overcome the §101 rejection.

Examiner Silver informed representative for Applicants that the Second (and Final) Office Action of September 17, 2007 would be withdrawn so as to allow Examiner Silver to reopen prosecution and issue an office action stating all grounds of rejection considered applicable to the claims in the application and clearly stating the reasons in support thereof. Examiner Silver requested that Applicants file a Summary of the Interview and request reconsideration of the Second (and Final) Office Action.

Therefore, Applicants hereby request reconsideration of the Second Office Action and seek withdrawal of the finality of that office action. As discussed in the Interview, Applicants request that, if the application is not allowed, then an Office Action setting forth all of the grounds for rejecting the claims, as well as all of the supporting arguments and reasons, be issued.

The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned by telephone if it is felt that a telephone interview would advance the prosecution of the present application.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required regarding this application under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16-1.17, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 19-0741. Should no proper payment be enclosed herewith, as by a check or credit card payment form being in the wrong amount, unsigned, post-dated, otherwise improper

or informal or even entirely missing, the Commissioner is authorized to charge the unpaid amount to Deposit Account No. 19-0741. If any extensions of time are needed for timely acceptance of papers submitted herewith, Applicant hereby petitions for such extension under 37 C.F.R. §1.136 and authorizes payment of any such extensions fees to Deposit Account No. 19-0741.

Respectfully submitted,

Date 12-4-2007

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